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SUBJ: NGUYEN HUU THO LETTER

REF: FBIS TRANSMISSION S300222

1. ON SEPTEMBER 29, NLF CHAIRMAN NGUYEN HUU THO ADDRESSED AN OPEN LETTER TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE "IN SAIGON, CHOLON AND OTHER SOUTHERN CITIES" (TEXT REF). HE URGED A BROADER "STRUGGLE" FRONG TO ACHIEVE "UNITY OF ACTION".

2. THE LETTER APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE VC WOULD LIKE TO FOSTER THE FORMATION OF A MASS POLITICAL MOVEMENT, COMPOSED OF PERSONS WHO ARE NEITHER MEMBERS OF THE NLF NOR SUPPORTERS OF THE THIEU GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH THO STATED THAT "AN IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE" WAS TO OPPOSE THIEU'S RE-ELECTION, HE ALSO CITED THE NECESSITY OF COMBATING VIETNAMIZATION AND OF DEVELOPING THE STRUGGLE "A STEP FURTHER". THE LETTER SHOULD CONSEQUENTLY BE SEEN MORE AS A REFLECTION OF MEDIUM AND LONG RANGE GOALS THAN IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES RELATED TO THE OCTOBER 3 ELECTION.

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3. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE COMMUNISTS MAY BELIEVE THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO: (1) EXERT INFLUENCE OVER A WIDER SPECTRUM OF PEOPLE; AND (2) CONSEQUENTLY CREATE TENDENCIES WHICH WOULD SERVE TO WEAKEN THE POLITICAL FABRIC OF SOUTH VIET-NAM OVER TIME.
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